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SUBJECT: TURKISH POSITION FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON
UNFICYP RENEWAL

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB DECEMBER 7 TO PRESENT TURKISH POSITION REGARDING
UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON UNFICYP RENEWAL.

2. ESENBEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO UNFICYP
RENEWAL QUESTION ALONE. SUBJECT OF CYPRUS HAS BEEN
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EXTENSIVELY COVERED IN EARLIER UNGA DEBATE. FURTHER

DISCUSSION OF OVERALL CYPRUS ISSUES COULD HAVE NEGATIVE
FF CT ON CLIMATE FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
SIDES.

-- GOT DOES NOT WANT SC SESSION TO TAKE FAVORABLE NOTE
OF 31ST UNGA CYPRUS RESOLUTION, AND IN FACT WOULD RESIST
ANY MENTION OF THAT RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLU-
TION.

-- UNFICYP'S PURPOSE IS TO STOP ANY FIGHTING AND ASSURE
PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE ISLAND. THE UPCOMING SECURITY
COUNCIL SESSION SHOULD NOT REEXAMINE UNFICYP ROLE OR
GIVE RISE TO HOPES THAT ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE MIGHT BE
EXPANDED.

3. REGARDING SECOND POINT ABOVE, ESENBEL NOTED GOT
BELIEVES SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE IS AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE
LIMITED TO GIVING MANDATE FOR SYG TO PROVIDE INTERCOMMUNAL
NEGOTIATING FORUM.

4. HABIB RESPONDED THAT WE STRONGLY FAVOR SIX-MONTH
UNFICYP EXTENSION. SINCE SUBJECT AMPLY DEBATED AT
UNGA, WE AGREE THAT OVERALL CYPRUS QUESTION SHOULD NOT
BE SUBJECT NEW DISCUSSION IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THAT
LATTER SHOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO RENEWAL QUESTION ALONE. WE
CANNOT, OF COURSE, GUARANTEE THAT OTHERS MAY NOT TRY
TO BRING IN OTHER ISSUES, HABIB SAID. IN OUR VIEW RENEWAL
IS A SIMPLE, NON-POLITICAL MATTER. WE WOULD THEREFORE
ALSO NOT FAVOR MENTION OF GA RESOLUTIONS.

5. HABIB SUGGESTED THAT TURKISH PERMREP CONSULT WITH
USUN ON PLANS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION.

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